

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 16 to 18 and 19 to 20 without prejudice:

- 1 1. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly, comprising  
2 at least a pair of vertical posts aligned in respect to a floor of a row of cow stalls;  
3 first and second angle brackets each including a side plate mounted onto a respective one  
4 of said posts, and an apertured back plate;  
5 a plurality of support stanchions each including a vertical rail, an upper receiver affixed at  
6 an upper part of the vertical rail, and a lower receiver affixed at a lower part of the vertical rail;  
7 a first one of said support stanchions being mounted onto the back plate of said first angle  
8 bracket and a second one of said support stanchions being mounted onto the back plate of said  
9 second angle bracket;  
10 a horizontal beam affixed onto the back plates of said angle brackets and extending  
11 transversely between said posts; and  
12 at least first and second stall dividers each having an upper horizontal rail and a lower  
13 horizontal rail, with ends of the upper and lower rails being mounted in the receivers of said first  
14 and second support stanchions, respectively.
- 1 2. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein each of  
2 said first and second stanchions is mounted by a pair of round U-bolts passing over its vertical  
3 rail and through apertures in said back plate.
- 1 3. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said  
2 beam is supported on the back plates of said angle brackets by a pair of U-bolts passing through  
3 apertures therein.
- 1 4. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said

2 beam is supported at substantially 36 to 39 inches above said floor.

1 5. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 4 wherein an  
2 unobstructed space is provided between said beam and said floor.

1 6. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein at least  
2 one additional one of said stanchions is supported on said beam at a position between said posts,  
3 and at least one additional divider has ends of its upper and lower rails mounted in the upper and  
4 lower receivers of the additional stanchion.

1 7. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said  
2 additional stanchion is mounted by means of a pair of U-bolts passing over said horizontal beam  
3 and into clamp means positioned on the vertical rail of said additional stanchion.

1 8. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 7 wherein said  
2 clamp means comprises an omega clamp positioned on said vertical rail and receiving threaded  
3 ends of said U-bolts.

1 9. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 6, wherein said  
2 additional stanchion is mounted by means of a pair of U-bolts passing over the vertical rail of  
3 said additional stanchion and into clamp means positioned on said horizontal beam.

1 10. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 9 wherein said  
2 clamp means comprises an omega clamp positioned on said horizontal beam and receiving  
3 threaded ends of said U-bolts.

1 11. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein the

2 receivers on each said stanchion include channel members into which the ends of the respective  
3 upper and lower rail end are received.

1 12. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein the  
2 receivers of said stanchions are double-ended and are adapted to receive rail ends of a pair of  
3 dividers that project in opposite directions with respect to said beam.

1 13. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 wherein the side  
2 plate and the back plate of each said angle bracket are joined at a right angle.

1 14. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 further  
2 comprising a neck rail traversing the upper rails of said dividers and affixed onto each of the  
3 upper rails at positions spaced from the associated stanchions.

1 15. (Original) Freestall elevated beam cow stall assembly according to Claim 1 further  
2 comprising a brisket rail traversing the lower rails of said dividers at a position below the lower  
3 rails and spaced from the associated stanchion.

16. to 20. (Canceled)